

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the notice dated September 29, 2008.

Claims 1-5 and 7-11 are pending in this application.

In the notice, the form of the amendments to the, drawings, claims and specification presented in the Applicants' response dated July 1, 2008 was objected to as "not fully responsive to the prior Office Action" based on "omissions or matters".

First, the Examiner objected to the replacement drawings for including "informal markings". The Applicants note that the submitted drawings are proposals for amending Figs. 1 through 4 to address the objections and that formal drawings without these markings will be submitted upon allowance of the case.


The Examiner further objects to the amendments to the specification and claims on grounds that deletions of five characters or less were made with a strikethrough mark rather than double brackets.

In the present response, the strikethroughs of fewer than five characters have been replaced by double brackets in both the amendments to the claims and to the specification, as requested by the Examiner.

The Applicants also would like to point out that the occurrence of "run up" is shown as an addition (as two words) and the deletion is shown as one word ("runup").

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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